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December Milk Production

Dairy herds in Michigan produced 997 million pounds of milk during December, up 4.9 percent from a year ago, according to Marlo Johnson, Regional Director of USDA, NASS, Great Lakes Regional Office. Production per cow in Michigan averaged 2,270 pounds for December, 45 pounds above December 2019. The dairy herd was estimated at 439,000 head for December, up 12,000 head from a year earlier.

Milk production in the 24 major States during December totaled 18.1 billion pounds, up 3.2 percent from December 2019. November revised production, at 17.3 billion pounds, was up 3.5 percent from November 2019. The November revision represented an increase of 56 million pounds or 0.3 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 24 major States averaged 2,027 pounds for December, 40 pounds above December 2019. The number of milk cows on farms in the 24 major States was 8.92 million head, 107,000 head more than December 2019, and 12,000 head more than November 2020.

Milk Production – Michigan and 24 Selected States: December 2019 and 2020

Commodity	Michigan		24 Major States	
	2019	2020	2019	2020
Cows 1,000 Hd	427	439	8,816	8,923
Monthly rate per cow Pounds	2,225	2,270	1,987	2,027
Production Mil lbs	950	997	17,517	18,086